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Foreign delegations from FWB (Algiers and Caserta) and FWD (SHAET Hear, Side and Forward) with their tattered portable ribbons.

Eric Hawkins who cracked the whip on so many of the boys and girls between wars and also did his own bit in London during his enforced absence from Paris is expected back from his tour of the U.S. and will be on hand to reminisce with old Parasites who did not get to see him at the luncheon several weeks ago.

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There will be a meeting of the Dinner Committee on Monday, February 7, 1949, according to Louis Lochner, Chairman.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Overseas Press Club of America on Wednesday, February 9, 1949 at 8:30 P.M. in the clubrooms. Individual notices have been mailed to the members of the Board by the Secretary.

The Bi-annual business meeting of the Club brought forth a discussion about the clubrooms being held open until midnite once a week. A vote was taken as to whether the night should be Thursday or Friday ... Friday won so the clubrooms will be kept open until midnite on Friday evenings. A member of the House Committee will be the informal host. The House Committee will give this idea trial period of one month to see how it works out ... Members of the Dinner Committee warn that if there is work to be done on the Banquet, visiting members may be pressed into service.

Among the Honor guests and speakers at the Annual Banquet to be held on March 4, 1949 in the ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria will be Dean Acheson, Secretary of State (diplomatic duties permitting); Henri Bonnet, Ambassador of France; Leslie Biffle, Secretary of the Senate; Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.; Major General Frederick Osborne, Deputy U.S. Representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission; Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, Deputy Chief of Staff and Brigadier General Marshall S. Carter.

Price to members for the dinner will be \$9.50 and the same price for one guest for each member. Fifteen dollars is the tariff for everyone else.

Beach Conger, travel editor of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, has returned from several weeks in Mexico... Beach's father, Seymour Beach Conger, was in St. Petersburg as a correspondent in 1902, at least according to the memories of some of our members but Beach is going to check with him to be sure. Evidently our reporting of correspondents in the first decades of the century has been the subject for much discussion around New York and outlying parts.

Emil Lengyl has also returned from a Mexican trip. He is now lecturing on the Near and Middle East. He was there on a survey this summer.

Pauline Frederick's television show "Feature Story" on Wednesdays over American Broadcasting Co. at 9:15 P.M. had another OPC member, Lee Silvian, of ABC as her guest last week. Pauline will be the guest speaker for the 25th Annual Matrix Table of Theta Sigma Phi alumnae on March 1st -- and will talk about "A Woman in A Man's World".

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Miles Vaughn, United Press Vice President and General Manager for Asia, was drowned this week on January 31st when his sampan capsized while he was hunting ducks in wind-swept Tokyo Bay. Members of the OPC who have known "Peg" for years as the dean of correspondents in Japan were shocked at this dispatch on the death of this colleague William G. Hetherington of the Newark Daily News received recently one of the Awards made by the Magazine BILLBOARD for Radio Reporting - Bill got it for his radio reporting of the Italian elections last year.

Violet Price reports from Time magazine that Life's Far Eastern photographer-writer team of Jack Birns and Roy Rowan has been temporarily laid low by jaundice. First Roy and then Jack came down with it. The team chalked up an enviable record last year of being in the right places just as trouble broke out; Hyderabad, Malaya, Burma, Indo-China and now China.

Gregor Ziemer is now Chief News commentator for Station WRVA in Richmond, Virginia. Once a week Greg broadcasts from New York, courtesy of Columbia. The rest of the week, he is heard several times daily on the news spots. Greg and his wife are discovering the South and say they breathe history down there -- have it on their toast, in their spoon bread, etc.

Dave Page, deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration in this area, has been busy lately with the Reserve Officers program, especially in Washington.

Victor Iasky, N.Y. World Telegram, along with Ralph de Toledano, one of the editors of News-Week, has signed a contract with Duell, Sloane and Pearce to write the full story of the espionage disclosures made by Whittaker Chambers, entitled "Seeds of Treason". The book is scheduled for publication in April.

Wright Bryan, editor of the Atlanta Journal in Georgia has a brand new office in which to write these days..... the new Journal plant, under construction for two years, was formally opened on January 17th.

Helen Hiatt, director of the New York Herald Tribune Forums, has scheduled her Forum this year for the High Schools on Saturday, March 5th. Thirty-four European high school students are here for a two months' study program and have been touring the U.S.

Bennet Cerf's book "Shake Well Before Using" has been on the best seller list for non-fiction for many a week now.

Curt Heymann has an article in the January issue of the "United Nations World" entitled "Old Europe's New Love", in which he describes the movement for a United States of Europe based on the United States of America.

Maurice Hindus will discuss "Russia's Great Mistake" at the morning lecture at Town Hall on Saturday, February 5th. This is the second in the current series of morning lectures.

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Charles E. Campbell, who has just returned from several months' trip to Europe, has been elected Secretary of the United Press Associations, according to Hugh Baillie, President of UP. Charley says that he saw member Walt Rundle in Germany for UP and also spent some weeks in London.

John Strohm, associate editor of the Country Gentleman, has returned from another jaunt abroad in Europe and the Middle East. January issue of his magazine carries an article by John called "The King's County Agents", describing how Texas county agents are helping King Ibn Saud raise more food for his people in Saudi Arabia. Reader's Digest is picking this up. In February, Strohm will describe in the "Country Gentleman" how Russia is trying to force Czech and Polish farmers into collective farming.

Robert Trout of National Broadcasting Co. has a new show on Sunday nights on the network at 10:30 P.M. called "Who Said That" .... The show is televised also.

Paula Lecler, one of the authors of "As We See Russia" sent a copy of the OPC book to General Clay in Berlin for Christmas. Paula had interviewed the General on her last trip to Europe for NANA. The General wrote back that "This book is solid food for thought. I have enjoyed it very much indeed."

Mike Fodor, now with AMG in Germany, has a son at Harvard who is doing very well indeed. Papa is reported to be very proud of him, according to OPC members in Boston.

Herbert Matthews of the London Bureau of the New York Times has informed Otto Tolischus, Board member from the New York Times, that the first Congress for free journalists from countries behind the Iron Curtain was called on the initiative of the Regional Unions of Free Journalists of Central and Eastern Europe in November of last year in Paris. The number of these journalists now living in exile amounts to about 1,000, their professional union acting in countries of Western Europe and the United States.

The central organization will now be called the "International Federation of Free Journalists of Central and Eastern Europe and of Baltic and Balkan Countries", which resolved to "appeal to all journalists of democratic countries to liquidate the International Organization of Journalists in order to establish a democratic world press federation." The entire text of the Congress is posted on the Bulletin Board of the OPC in the clubrooms overlooking Times Square.

Clive Howard, new member of the OPC, has an article in the February issue of "Woman's Home Companion" about "Smoke, the Silent Murderer". The editors said that they should have printed it before but the smoke menace at Donora, Pa. made them realize that they had procrastinated too long.

Carol Weld informs OPC members who worked in Paris that Fulton T. Grant, one of our colleagues, died in Veterans Hospital, upstate New York, on January 13th. Fulton, who served in both world wars, was on the European edition of the N.Y. Herald Tribune and Chicago Tribune between wars.



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S. Miles Bouton, who read in the Bulletin that the AP had two men in Berlin in 1912, wishes to correct the statement. There were three - I. G. Moyston, Seymour Beach Conger and William C. Dreher. Lucian Kirtland regrets the error and hopes that other members will correct him (as does Bert Crockett on the earlier decade) if any other mistakes in the number of correspondents were made.

Henry Moscow, of the New York Post, and President of the N.Y. Newspaper Guild, welcomed members of the OPC to our dinner and Bi-Annual Business meeting on Wednesday, February 2. Many of our members are Guild members, too. Hal Boyle of AP is International Vice President of the Guild; Bob Stern of the N.Y. Herald Tribune is one of the officers; Ralph J. Frantz, treasurer, and Ed Hunter of the N.Y. Post are also active in Guild matters. It was a pleasant reunion for many of the folks around New York. A buffet supper was served by C. & L. caterers and an informal supper party was the result.

Bill Chaplin, of NBC, presided. Charley Robbins, new member from Coronet magazine, won the jackpot book "Dr. Chaim Weiczman's Autobiography" given by Michael Bessie, of Harper Bros., a member of the Library Committee.

Rev. John Carroll Abbing was the guest of Tom Morgan and told the club members about the Boys' Towns which he has established in Italy. Twenty thousand boys are being taught and fed and clothed so that they can lead useful lives in Italy. More than 200,000 boys are roaming the towns of Italy now, according to Rev. Abbing. Judge Marquisio of N.Y. City Courts was also a guest of Mr. Morgan.

Nat Barrows of the Chicago Daily News covering the United Nations at Lake Success and recently in Paris said that the third General Assembly of the United Nations revealed two things; one-the aggressive and fighting policy of General Marshall against the Russians and their blocking tactics at the United Nations and, two-the passing of the Human Rights Amendment, which will have to be implemented at the next session which opens in New York on April 6th. Barrows said that there were about three thousand journalists of all nationalities in Paris at the Palais de Chaillot.

Pete Huss of International News Service and covering UN at Lake Success and Paris said that he understood from his experiences why the play "Mad Woman of Chaillot" is playing on Broadway. Pete said that correspondents were continually being offered exclusive scoops about every country in the world by so-called string correspondents. Pete's office was nestled between romanesque statues, a sort of strange combination for the United Nations, correspondents and the statues. Miles of corridor separated everything and kept OPC members on the jump. So-called "press parties" also kept them busy. (details censored.)

Larry LeSueur, CBS UN correspondent, said that it was pretty exhausting trying to cover all Six Committees until some of the colleagues worked out a system. The UP and other wire services who had fifteen or twenty men covering the UN really got around. Gary Davis was aided somewhat by the American correspondents. Larry went to Germany after the close of the Assembly and found that Wes Gallagher and Ken Downs did not feel inclined to smile at CBS representatives. Ed Murrow had been there on a short trip some time before and cleaned up at a poker game to the tune of three thousand smackeroos. Berlin correspondents are reported to be playing for pennies now.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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